

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600

Serial No. : 10/577,982  
Applicant : Makoto KOIZUMI  
Filed : May 2, 2006  
For : OLIGONUCLEOTIDES HAVING A  
2'-0,4'-C-ETHYLENE NUCLEOTIDE  
IN THE THIRD POSITION  
Art Unit : 1637  
Examiner : Mark STAPLES  
Docket No. : 06189/HG  
Confirm No. : 2978  
Customer No.: 01933

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.